

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-3 and 7-4 are pending in the present application. Claims 3 and 14 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claim 7 has been amended to correct the antecedent basis. No new matter has been added by way of the above amendment.

Applicants arguments submitted on February 5, 2008 are hereby incorporated herein in their entirety.

#### ***Request for Interview***

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner permit Applicants' representative the courtesy of an interview before the Examiner next acts on the present application. Applicants sincerely believe that an interview will expedite the prosecution of the present application by resolving any outstanding issues.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

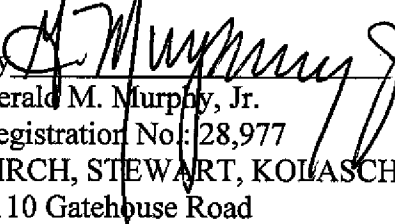
#### **Conclusion**

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Monique T. Cole, Reg. No. 60,154 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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